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DELIVERED PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT BETANCOURT AT 5 P. M. AND HE CALLED IN MINISTERS FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERIOR AND DEFENSE FOR CONVERSATION IN WHICH HE LAID OUT INTERNATIONAL LINE FULLY IN SUPPORT OF US POSITION. HE EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND STATED HE WOULD MAKE SUPPORTING SPEECH TO NATION WEDNESDAY NIGHT. HE APPEARED RELIEVED AT NATURE OF PRESIDENT'S POSITION AS HE EVIDENTLY FEARED ANNOUNCEMENT UNILATERAL US ACTION. IN MY PRESENCE PRESIDENT: (A) TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR SOSA AT 10 AND INSTRUCTED HIM SUPPORT AMBASSADOR STEVENSON FULLY AND MAKE SPEECH OUTLINING VENEZUELA'S TRADITIONAL POLICY TOWARDS CUBA AND UNDERSCORING THREAT TO HEMISPHERE. HAVE SENT FOREIGN MINISTER TEXT PROPOSED RESOLUTION.

(B) INSTRUCTED THAT VENEZUELA'S OAS REPRESENTATIVE SUPPORT US POSITION RE ACTION UNDER ARTICLE SIX AND EIGHT RIO TREATY. SAID HE MIGHT SEND FOREIGN MINISTER BACK TO WASHINGTON TO HANDLE SITUATION.

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